WORKING DINNER, King David Hotel,
Jerusalem, 20.11.77

Present on the Israeli side:

The Prime Minister

Yadin

Dayan

Weizman

Erlich

Sharon

Burg

Hurwitz

Chief-of-Staff

Ben Elissar

Evron

Naor

Poran

Katz

Kadishai

Avner

Pattir

Lavy

Members of the Official Delegation

Dr. Mustapha Khalil Kamel	Secretary General of the Arab Socialist Union
Mr. Mohamed Hassan El-Tohami	Vice Premier at the Presidency
Mr. Hassan Ahmed Kamel	Head of the Presidential Cabinet
Dr. Butros Ghali	Minister of State for Foreign Affairs
Mr. Saad Mohamed Ahmed	Minister of Manpower
Mr. Mustapha Kamel Murad	Member of the People's Assembly
Mr. Fawzi Abd El-Hafez	Private Secretary of the President
Fariq (Lt. General) Mohamed Said El-Mahy	Chief A.D.C. to the President
Mr. Ahmed Fouad Taymour	Grand Chamberlain
Mr. Abd El-Bary Suleiman	Member of the People's Assembly
Mr. Salem El-Yamani	Member of the People's Assembly
Ambassador Dr. Osama El-Baz	Under Secretary at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs

President Anwar El Sadat
Mr. Ossman Ahmed Ossman
Dr. Mohamed Atia
~~Mr. Mohamed~~
Mr. Saad Zagloul Nassar – Spokesman

Working Dinner - P.M. Begin - President Sadat: King David Hotel, Jerusalem,
20 November 1977 - 21.00

Present:

P.M.: Mr. President, today is one of the greatest of days, due to your act, your presence, your elloquence, the speech you made, the atmosphere of cordiality and candour. There were of course some interruptions during the session in our Parliament which you attended - but that is but a small example of what goes on, and the decorum today was due no doubt to the presence of the esteemed guest. Today was a great day in our parliamentary life. It demonstrated how one can debate serious matters with decorum and dignity. We listened very carefully to your speech, Mr. President. There were parts with which we agreed whole heartedly. But there were other parts as well. This, after all, is the problem we face. And may I add, Mr. President, that today a miracle happened in our Parliament; our opposition even applauded me - and that Mr. President was also thanks to you.

We are very grateful to you for this outstanding day in the life of our Parliament. Except for Russia and China, the whole world listened to us. It is, indeed, an event. This is one of the great events of our times. I heard that the streets of Cairo and of our cities were almost empty - all the people were watching the television. I was glad to hear that President Carter voiced his opinion of deep satisfaction and prayer.

We had talks yesterday and today - very serious discussions. If anybody would ask us if we reached an agreement I wouldn't wish the answer to be of a yes or no terminology. But I believe we have laid the foundations

for discussions. And we still have a night in front of us; we shall work hard. We shall look for real decisions and solutions. We should not lose any time. Your visit is unfortunately too short. You come and you leave. It is a pity that the time is so short.

President Carter sent me today a personal message. It is a cordial message. He, too, referred to the fact that it is a short visit and cannot solve ~~anything~~ everything. But it is a start. I can say with full conviction that we did make progress. May I respectfully say to our friends from Egypt about your President; he is a warm man with an open heart. The very fact that we sat together opposite Barbara Walters; and now we sit here together tonight and together we have started preparing the Geneva Conference - I call this a very good beginning.

I therefore thank you again for coming to us. It was a courageous decision. The very fact that the President comes - despite everything that happened in the past - this, I think ~~it~~ proves the spark within him ~~as a human being~~

I thank you Mr. President. May I say that the atmosphere per se of your 30-hour stay with us constitutes in itself a very valuable and practical consequence. A good atmosphere can make for positive decisions, and vice-versa.

(Toast) We wish you well, Mr. President, your colleagues and your people. We want peace; we want more than peace - we want genuine cooperation and co-existence. I raise my glass to you.

<u>President Sadat:</u> Let me propose a toast to dear Premier Begin. It is a matter for deep appreciation to enjoy the friendship of such distinguished personalities. Let us hope that in our meetings together we shall establish peace in our time.